

2009 Missouri Legislative Session

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1 /28/2009

- * [HB 483](#)
[Smith](#)
R
Grants & Scholarships
Establishes the Missouri National Guard and Missouri Reservists Family Education Grant.
This new grant would be funded by general revenue and could be used by students attending public two- or four-year institutions. The program would be administered by the MDHE.
Introduced and read first time in the House on 1/28/09. Second read in the House on 1/29/09.
- * [SB 264](#)
[Mayer](#)
R
Miscellaneous
Enacts provisions regarding the coercion of abortions.
"Coercion of abortions" would include revoking or threatening to revoke a scholarship awarded to the woman.
Introduced and first read in the Senate on 1/28/2009.

1 /27/2009

- * [HB 427](#)
[Largent](#)
R
Grants & Scholarships
Revises the war veteran's survivor grant created by last year's HB 1678.
The changes are primarily definitional and would not change the number or dollar amount of awards.
Introduced and first read in the house on 1/27/09. Second read on 1/28/09. Referred to Veteran's Committee on 1/29/09.
- * [HB 445](#)
[Roorda](#)
D
Institution-Specific
Requires the Geographic Resources Center at the University of Missouri to track sexual offenders in violation of the restriction to not reside within 1,000 feet of a school or child care facility.

Introduced and read the first time in the House on 1/27/09. Second read in the House on 1/28/09.

1 /26/2009

- * [HB 405](#)
[Low](#)
D
Miscellaneous
Requires equal pay for the same work regardless of gender and establishes a commission to study wage disparities.
The commission would include three individuals from higher education or research institutions who have experience and expertise in the collection and analysis of data concerning such pay disparities and whose research has already been used in efforts to promote the elimination of those disparities.
Introduced and first read in the House on 1/26/09. Second read on 1/27/09.
- * [HCR 14](#)
[Low](#)
D
Miscellaneous
Establishes the Missouri Child Poverty Council to examine child poverty in Missouri.
The council would include a representative from the University of Missouri System.
Introduced and first read in the House on 1/26/09. Second read in House on 1/27/09.

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| <p>* SB 245
Schaefer
R</p> | <p>Student Data Security</p> <p><i>Creates consumer notification requirements for data security breaches.</i></p> <p>This bill would require entities including public and private universities to notify students when personal information has been compromised.</p> <p>Introduced and first read in the Senate on 1/26/09. Second read and referred S Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee on 1/29/09.</p> |
| <p>* SCR 13
Pearce
R</p> | <p>International Education</p> <p><i>Relating to international education.</i></p> <p>This resolution encourages Missouri students and faculty to promote international education as part of curricular and extracurricular life at Missouri's colleges and universities. This resolution is identical to HCR 7 (2008).</p> <p>Introduced and first read in the Senate on 1/26/09. Referred S Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee on 1/27/09.</p> |

1 /22/2009

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| <p>HB 350
Parkinson
R</p> | <p>Immigration</p> <p><i>Modifies provisions relating to unauthorized aliens.</i></p> <p>Introduced and first read in the House on 1/21/09. Second read in the House on 1/22/09.</p> |
| <p>* HB 390
Nolte
R</p> | <p>Immigration</p> <p><i>Prohibits the enrollment of unlawfully present aliens in public institutions of higher education.</i></p> <p>This bill is similar to last year's HB 1463.</p> <p>Introduced and first read in the House on 1/22/09. Second read in the House on 1/26/09.</p> |
| <p>* SB 232
Cunningham
R</p> | <p>Miscellaneous</p> <p><i>Relating to education requirements for public employees.</i></p> <p>This act prohibits entities including state agencies, state departments, and political subdivisions from discriminating in employment practices based on an individual's elementary or secondary education program, provided that the program is permitted under Missouri law. Employers may require individuals to have other abilities or skills applicable to their position.</p> <p>Introduced and first read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Second read and referred S Progress and Development Committee on 1/27/09.</p> |

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| <p>HB 331
Faith
R</p> | <p>Miscellaneous Adult Education</p> <p><i>Establishes the "GED+ Program" within the department of elementary and secondary education.</i></p> <p>The board of education would be required to work with representatives of colleges, post-secondary vocational schools, and post-secondary technical schools to develop cooperative program plans. Procedural decisions will be made with the advice and consent of the coordinating board for higher education.</p> <p>Introduced and first read in the House on 1/21/09. Second read in the house on 1/22/09.</p> |
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HB 332
Cunningham
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Grants & Scholarships

This bill would change an existing scholarship program administered by the Missouri National Guard by expanding the group of potential recipients. Currently, the program only serves members of the Missouri National Guard; the bill proposes to include members of the reserves of any branch of the U.S. armed forces.
Introduced and first read in the house on 1/21/09. Second read in the House on 1/22/09.

HB 340
Cunningham
R

Miscellaneous

Requires state agencies, public schools and colleges, and political subdivisions to use the traditional names of holidays.

Introduced and first read in the House on 1/21/09. Second read in the House on 1/22/09.

1 /15/2009

HB 295
Chappelle-Nadal
D

Miscellaneous

Contracting

Prohibits a public body from entering into a public works contract with a company that has been found guilty of conducting discriminatory employment practices.
"Public body" would include political subdivisions and institutions supported in whole or in part by public funds.
Introduced and first read in the House on 1/15/09. Second Read in the House on 1/20/09.

HB 309
Nasheed
D

Miscellaneous

Minority and Women Businesses

Requires fiscal notes for proposed legislation and all applications for grants from state agencies to include minority impact statements.

Introduced and first read in the House on 1/15/09. Second read in the House on 1/20/09.

HB 311
Yates
R

Charter School Sponsorship

Modifies provisions relating to charter schools.
The provisions of this bill include one that would allow any public or private four-year college or university with its primary campus in the state of Missouri and an approved teacher education program to sponsor a charter school.
Introduced and first read in the House on 1/15/09. Second read in the House on 1/20/09.

HB 316
Jones
R

Miscellaneous

Sunshine Law

Changes the laws regarding the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law.
Changes include expanding the definitions of "public governmental body" and "public meeting," clarifying the "legal actions" exception to the law, describing who may be present in closed session meetings, and requiring public bodies to use data processing programs that are easily accessed and manipulated by programs commonly available to the public.
Introduced and first read in the house on 1/15/09. Second read in the House on 1/20/09.

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* SB 206 Shoemyer D	Miscellaneous	State Employees
	<i>Requires state employee salaries to be annually adjusted by the consumer price index.</i>	
	Introduced and first read in the House on 1/15/2009. Second read and referred S Ways and Means Committee on 1/27/09.	

1 /14/2009

HB 265 Franz R	Miscellaneous	Public School Employee Benefits
	<i>Modifies provisions relating to teacher and school employee retirement systems.</i>	
	Introduced and first read in the House on 1/14/2009. Second read in the House on 1/15/2009.	
HB 272 Chappelle-Nadal D	Miscellaneous	Research-based Contributions
	<i>Establishes the "Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force" within the Department of Health and Senior Services to assess the impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia on residents of this state.</i>	
	As part of the assessment, the task force would examine resources and services provided by research at institutions of higher education in the state.	
	Introduced and first read in the House on 1/14/09. Second read in the House on 1/15/09. Referred to House Committee 1/22/09.	
HB 282 Stevenson R	Institution-Specific	Missouri Southern State University
	<i>Authorizes the Governor to convey state property in Jasper County to Missouri Southern State University.</i>	
	Introduced and first read in the House on 1/14/2009. Second read in the House on 1/15/09. Referred to House Committee 1/22/09.	
* SB 195 Shoemyer D	Institution-Specific	University of Missouri
	<i>Requires farmers to register and pay a fee for retaining seed produced from patented genetically-modified seed.</i>	
	This act creates the Genetically Engineered Seed Fund, a portion of which could be used by the University of Missouri for agricultural research and development.	
	Introduced and first read in the Senate on 1/14/09. Second read and referred to S Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee on 1/26/09.	
* SB 198 McKenna D	Miscellaneous	Public School Employee Benefits
	<i>Modifies provisions relating to teacher and school employee retirement systems.</i>	
	Introduced and first read in the House on 1/14/09. Second read and referred S Veterans' Affairs, Pensions and Urban Affairs Committee on 1/26/09.	

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1 /13/2009

HB 247
Loehner

R

Grants & Scholarships

Nursing Student Loan Program

Modifies the definition of "eligible student" under the Nursing Student Loan Program.

The definition would be changed to include a student who is working toward a doctorate in nursing, or a doctorate in education, or taking courses leading to the completion of educational requirements for a licensed practical nurse. The doctoral applicant may also be a part-time student.

Introduced and first read in House on 1/13/09. Second read in House on 1/13/09. Referred to House Committee 1/22/09.

HCR 7
Hodges
D

Miscellaneous

Public School Employee Benefits

Urges Congress to prohibit certain public school employees from being forced to participate in the federal Social Security system rather than the Missouri Public School Retirement System.

Introduced and first read in the House on 1/12/09.

* SB 182
Bartle
R

Miscellaneous

Diploma Mills

Prohibits the use or attempted use of false or misleading diplomas for admission to higher education institutions or in connection with businesses or employment.

The use of such a diploma would be a Class C misdemeanor.

Introduced and first read in the Senate on 1/13/09. Second Read and referred to S Education Committee on 1/26/09. Hearing conducted S Education Committee 1/28/09.

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HJR 11
McGhee
R

Religious Issues

Proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to pray and requiring free public schools to display the text of the Bill of Rights.

The state would be required to ensure that public school students (potentially including college and university students) may exercise their right to religious expression, and public elementary and secondary institutions would be required to display the Bill of Rights.

Pre-filed. First Read in the House on 01/07/2009. Second Read in the House on 1/08/09.

* SB 152
Clemens
R

Grants & Scholarships

Nursing Student Loan Program

Modifies definition of eligible student for nursing student loan program.

The revised definition would include doctoral students and would allow full- or part-time doctoral students to be eligible for the program.

Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second Read in the Senate and referred to S Education Committee on 1/26/09.

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12/29/2008

* HB 190	Miscellaneous	Job Training Programs
Flook	<i>Modifies the job training program by expanding opportunities for pre-employment training.</i>	
R	<p>Training may include pre-employment training, and services may include analysis of particular companies' specific training needs, development of training plans, and provision of training. The program could include state funding for in-plant training analysis, curriculum development, assessment and pre-selection tools, publicity for the program, instructional services, rental of instructional facilities, access to equipment and supplies, other necessary services, overall program direction, and staff to carry out an effective training program.</p> <p>Pre-filed. First Read in the House on 01/07/2009. Second Read in the House on 1/08/09. Referred to House Committee 1/27/09- Public Hearing scheduled.</p>	

12/18/2008

HB 136	Miscellaneous	Minority and Women Businesses
Hughes	<i>Establishes the Minority Business Enterprise and Women's Business Enterprise Oversight Review Committee to assist these business enterprises in bidding on state contracts.</i>	
D	<p>This bill requires the Office of Administration, in consultation with public higher education institutions, to establish and implement a plan to increase and maintain the participation of certified socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns or minority business enterprises in contracts for supplies, services, and construction contracts with the state.</p> <p>Prefiled. First Read in the House on 1/7/09. Second Read in the House on 1/8/09.</p>	
SB 133	Immigration	
Smith	<i>Modifies the definition of public benefit for unlawfully present aliens to mean resident status postsecondary education.</i>	
D	<p>Current law provides that an alien unlawfully present in the United States shall not receive any state or local public benefit. The definition of "public benefit" currently includes postsecondary education under which payments, assistance, credits, or reduced rates or fees are provided. This act modifies the definition of "public benefit" to mean postsecondary education pursued with the status of resident. In addition, a student who is enrolled as a nonresident at a Missouri public institution of higher education will not be considered to be receiving a public benefit based solely on attendance at such institution.</p> <p>Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Education Committee on 1/22/09.</p>	

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12/16/2008

HB 117
Storch
D

Grants & Scholarships

Twenty-first Century Scholars Program

Establishes the "Twenty-first Century Scholars Program."

The program would be administered by the MDHE. A student will be eligible for the program if he or she: is a Missouri resident; is enrolled in the eighth grade in a public or private school; is eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program; signs an agreement, along with his or her parents or guardian, to finish high school, to apply for college admission and financial aid, and to not drive while intoxicated, use drugs, run away, or become truant or delinquent; and has at least a 2.0 grade point average upon graduation from high school.

The programs would provide scholarships the amount of which would vary based on the student's choice of the college and the availability of other financial assistance. Scholarships may be granted for up to eight semesters, and participating colleges must develop specific mentoring programs for scholarship recipients to assist them with academic and social counseling.

Pre-filed. First Read in the House on 01/07/2009. Second Read in the House on 1/08/09.

12/15/2008

HB 55
Wildberger
D

Miscellaneous

Employment Issues

Specifies that it will be an unlawful employment practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment or to retaliate against an employee who opposes that type of environment.

"Employer" includes community colleges and state institutions of higher education.

Pre-filed. First Read in the House on 01/07/2009. Second Read in the House on 1/08/09.

12/11/2008

HB 108
Bivins
R

Miscellaneous

Sunshine Law

Requires all public governmental bodies to make and retain a verbatim audio recording of any closed meeting.

Pre-filed. First Read in the House on 01/07/2009. Second Read in the House on 1/08/09.

12/3 /2008

SB 107
Green
D

Higher Education Expense Tax Deduction

Creates an income tax deduction for higher education expenses.

In order to qualify, the taxpayer student or taxpayer claiming a student as a dependent would hav to have a federal adjusted gross income of less than \$200,000 and the educational expenses would have to be incurred by a student enrolled at least half-time.

Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee on 1/22/09. Hearing scheduled 2/5/09.

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HB 46 Davis R	Grants & Scholarships <i>Changes the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and creates the crime of coercing an abortion.</i> This bill includes a provision that would make it a crime to knowingly coerce a woman to seek or obtain an abortion by revoking, attempting to revoke, or threatening to revoke a scholarship awarded to the woman by a public or private institution of higher education. Pre-filed. First Read in the House on 01/07/2009. Second Read in the House on 1/08/09.
HB 76 Lampe D	Miscellaneous Autism Spectrum Disorder <i>Changes the laws regarding the identification, assessment, and education of children with autism spectrum disorder.</i> The commissioner of higher education or his or her designee is a member of the Missouri Autism Spectrum Disorder Commission. Pre-filed. First Read in the House on 01/07/2009. Second Read in the House on 1/08/09.
SB 15 Nodler R	Institution-Specific Missouri Southern State University <i>To authorize the conveyance of property owned by the state in Jasper County to Missouri Southern State University.</i> Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S General Laws Committee on 1/22/09.
SB 23 Callahan D	Tuition <i>Designates that the gaming revenues derived from the repeal of the loss limits will be used for higher education tuition reduction.</i> This bill would create a fund to be used to reduce tuition at Missouri's public higher education institutions. The CBHE would administer the fund and implement procedures to reimburse public higher education institutions that either reduce tuition or "increase tuition at lower rates than previously designed." Gaming revenues derived from the repeal of loss limits total an estimated \$105-130 million per year. Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Education Committee on 1/22/09.
SB 29 Stouffer R	Institution-Specific University of Missouri <i>Requires all diesel fuel sold at retail in Missouri after a certain date to be a biodiesel-blended fuel.</i> The Department of Agriculture may annually contract with UM's Food & Agricultural Policy Research Institute to study the effects of biodiesel and fuel ethanol production on the prices of fuel and food. Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee on 1/22/09. Hearing Scheduled 2/4/09.

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<div>SB 40</div> <div>Rupp</div> <div>R</div>	<div>Grants & Scholarships</div> <div>Bright Flight</div> <div> <i>Modifies provisions of the Bright Flight Scholarship Program.</i> <p>This bill would extend the period that students who enter the military can defer Bright Flight awards. It would also clarify that GED recipients and homeschool students can receive Bright Flight awards and the certain procedural issues surrounding the determination of the SAT/ACT cut-score. Finally, it would also clarify the award amounts for students in the top 3% of ACT/SAT testtakers starting in FY 11.</p> <p>Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Education Committee on 1/22/09.</p> </div>
<div>SB 50</div> <div>Bray</div> <div>D</div>	<div>Miscellaneous</div> <div>Research-based Contributions</div> <div> <i>Requires equal pay for the same work regardless of gender and establishes a commission to study wage disparities.</i> <p>This bill would create an "Equal Pay Commission," which would include three individuals from higher education or research institutions who have experience and expertise in the collection and analysis of data concerning gender-related pay disparities and whose research has already been used in efforts to promote the elimination of those disparities.</p> <p>Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Progress and Development Committee.</p> </div>
<div>SB 59</div> <div>Stouffer</div> <div>R</div>	<div>Miscellaneous</div> <div></div> <div> <i>Assesses fee on shippers that transport radioactive waste within Missouri.</i> <p>State-funded institutions of higher education that ship nuclear waste would be exempt from the statutory fees but would have to reimburse the Missouri Highway Patrol for costs associated with shipment escorts.</p> <p>Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Transportation Committee on 1/22/09.</p> </div>
<div>SB 64</div> <div>Rupp</div> <div>R</div>	<div>Charter School Sponsorship</div> <div></div> <div> <i>Modifies provisions relating to charter schools.</i> <p>Any private or public four-year college or university with an approved teacher preparation program and with its primary campus in Missouri would be permitted to sponsor a charter school.</p> <p>Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Education Committee on 1/22/09.</p> </div>
<div>SB 66</div> <div>Scott</div> <div>R</div>	<div>Governance</div> <div></div> <div> <i>Amends requirements for filing financial interest statements.</i> <p>This bill would require the members of each state board and commission, and the members of each board of regents or curators and the chancellor or president of each state institution of higher education to file financial interest statements with the Missouri Ethics Commission.</p> <p>Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee on 1/22/09.</p> </div>

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<div>SB 76</div> <div>Wilson</div> <div>D</div>	<div>Miscellaneous</div> <div>Volunteer and Parents Incentive Program</div> <div>Creates the Volunteer and Parents Incentive Program for public elementary and secondary schools.</div> <div>The new program would provide reimbursement for the cost of 3 credit hours at public institutions of higher education to school volunteers who spend at least 100 hours in classrooms.</div> <div>Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Education Committee on 1/22/09.</div>
<div>SB 78</div> <div>Wilson</div> <div>D</div>	<div>Miscellaneous</div> <div>Mentoring Program</div> <div>Creates the Missouri Senior Cadet Program for mentoring of kindergarten through eighth grade students.</div> <div>Students who complete the program and attend public colleges or universitys located in Missouri would receive a reimbursement for 3 credit hours per semester for up to 4 years.</div> <div>Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Education Committee on 1/22/09.</div>